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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Richard Gilmore,  
Staff Assistant, Subcommittee  
on Multi-National Corporations  
of the Senate Committee on  
Foreign Relations

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1. On Monday, 8 December [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of OER met with Mr. Gilmore to discuss the findings of his recent visit to the USSR. Also present were Jerome Levinson, Counsel to the Subcommittee, and Thomas White of the Office of Legislative Counsel.

2. Mr. Gilmore outlined his meetings with:

Yu. V. Shilkin, Deputy Minister of Procurements;

Ye. M. Kuz'kin, Deputy Chief of Main Administration for Import of Raw Materials;

I. F. Mikhailov, Vice President of Eksportkhleb; and

B. A. Runov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

His comments added substantially to the previously cabled reports of his meetings.

3. Mr. Gilmore is writing a report on his trip for the subcommittee. He requested assistance from OER in reconciling the generally optimistic reports on 1975 Soviet agricultural performance and grain import requirements he was given in Moscow with our (CIA's) more pessimistic views. Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Levinson also questioned us on the international grain trade, the role of Eastern Europe in the grain trade, and the operation of the grain futures market.

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4. Mr. Gilmore visited the Leningrad port and was

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